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**CITY OF BASTROP CONTINUES EFFORTS TO GUIDE  
FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT**

*City Council Extends Temporary Moratorium on New Development  
to Support Holistic Reform of Land-Use Regulations*

**BASTROP, TEXAS – November 16, 2018** – The Bastrop City Council last night voted to extend the temporary moratorium on new development through May 21, 2019. This extension will allow the City planning team to deliver updated land-use regulations that honor Bastrop’s authentic past while planning for a sustainable future.

Enacted on August 23, 2018, the temporary moratorium initiated the strategic and holistic reform of Bastrop’s land-use regulations to create geographically-sensitive development standards and improve infrastructure to address the city’s long-term needs. In that time, the City expanded its planning team to include Simplecity Design, which completed an in-depth analysis of Downtown Bastrop’s DNA and how it functions as a complete neighborhood and conducted an extensive evaluation of Bastrop’s current development codes.

“We have made significant progress toward analyzing our natural geography and current development patterns to make regulatory changes that will preserve authentic Bastrop, but important work still remains,” said Bastrop Mayor Connie Schroeder. “We want to get this right. The extension provides the additional time needed as we move through the next steps of the Building Bastrop initiative.”

The moratorium was initially called for because of significant flooding and drainage issues in Bastrop, with the goal of updating the City’s land-use regulations to properly address its infrastructure needs. Taking a comprehensive approach, Building Bastrop was launched to create a new set of tools that will support the community in a responsible manner for generations to come, including the complete reform of Bastrop’s Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances.

“The moratorium continues to be the best resource to support this initiative, but the City has implemented a process to allow development to occur as long as it is not detrimental to our community,” said Mayor Pro Tem Lyle Nelson. “The process is working. In fact, by working with the City, one resident who initially planned to build a new house in a drainage area was able to move the planned structure to a different area of his lot where no flooding is anticipated.”

As of August 23, more than 200 permits have been issued by the City since the moratorium was passed, and City staff will continue to meet regularly with the development community throughout this initiative. An open house specifically for developers has been scheduled for Monday, November 26 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Bastrop Convention & Exhibit Center, where developers, engineers and others in the industry can discuss any concerns or questions with City staff.

The City has also scheduled two rodeos for the general public to participate in the creation of new land-use regulations that are locally made, geographically sensitive and fiscally sustainable. The Design Rodeo will take place on November 29-30, and the Code Rodeo will take place on December 13-14. Both events will be held at 924 Main Street, with several opportunities for public input throughout both days. Detailed schedules can be found on the Building Bastrop website.

For the most up-to-date information on Building Bastrop, visit [www.CityofBastrop.org/BuildingBastrop](http://www.CityofBastrop.org/BuildingBastrop).

**About The City of Bastrop:**

The Mission of the City of Bastrop is to continuously strive to provide innovative and proactive services that enhance our authentic way of life to achieve our vision.

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